TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



SB 2195 - HB 2553

February 24, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the maximum fine for class A misdemeanor reckless endangerment to \$3,500.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-13-103 classifies reckless endangerment as a class A misdemeanor. Under Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-111, a class A misdemeanor is currently punishable by a fine up to \$2,500, by incarceration up to 11 months and 29 days in jail, or both.
- The proposed legislation increases the maximum possible fine to \$3,500.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. There will not be a significant increase in local revenue as a result of the maximum possible fine for this offense.
- Any impact to the caseloads of the courts, public defenders, and district attorneys can be accommodated within their existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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